Reply of Government.—The matter will be enquired into.

SUBJECT No. 128.

The reservation of new forests.

Messrs C. Vaman Rao and N. Subba Rao, Nagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The reservation of new forests in the thinly populated malnad taluks has been causing much inconvenience. If reservation is considered necessary, the following matters are submitted for consideration :—

(*a*) Jungle wood deteriorates very soon in the rainy season and is easily eaten up by white ants. Once in every three years houses in the malnad require thorough repairs. The District Forest Officer should be allowed the discretion to grant wood at concession rates from State forests where the district forests cannot supply the required kinds of wood.

(*b*) As the villages are not situated near each other and as the ryots have to construct their houses on hills covered with forests, no restriction should be placed regarding the area of free grazing allowed to the cattle.

(*c*) As the ryots have to depend only on green manure for cultivation, they may be permitted to cut and remove green leaves of trees in the reserved blocks without any hindrance.

Reply of Government.—Representations about the concessions necessary in the Nagar Taluk may be made to the Forest Settlement Officer.

SUBJECT No. 129.

Planting exotic trees in Mysore forests.

Mr. V. Raghavachar, Mysore Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Forest Department may be directed to plant as an experimental measure trees of foreign countries which will be a source of profit to Government. Fruit-bearing trees as well as those which are used for dyeing purposes may be planted extensively.

Reply of Government.—Will be referred to the Conservator of Forests.

SUBJECT No. 130.

Damage caused by goats to valuable trees and plants.

Mr K. Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The damage caused to valuable trees and plants by goats may be removed by the goat rearers being made to obtain license from Government and obliged to rear their goats in forests, for which a tax of eight annas per head may be imposed.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 131.

Permission to inspect timber in State forests before obtaining license therefor.

Messrs. Dasappa and Chowdaiya, Arsikere Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—As in British India, persons desirous of obtaining timber from State forests may first be permitted to inspect such timber and then obtain license therefor, as the existing rules contain no provision for such inspection.

Reply of Government.—Noted.